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SZEPINGKAI STANDS BY FOR A MAJOR ASSAULT

Communist Troop Deployment Completed

WARNING TO RICE SMUGGLERS

Any person caught smuggling rice and other staple foods out of China will be sent to Manchuria to work in military labour units, according to a notification issued yesterday by the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon and New Territories District.

The notification said that instructions had been received from the Central Government in Nanking that any person caught smuggling rice and other staple foods out of South China shall be handed over to the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Canton. Such persons will be sent to work in army labour gangs in the Northeast.

This ruling has been adopted by the Chinese authorities as an attempt to discourage the smuggling of rice out of Kwangtung to Hong Kong and Macao.

Hong Kong's rationed rice being of inferior quality, has increased the demand for good quality rice from Chinese territory.

Since the Chinese New Year, many passengers travelling on Kowloon-bound trains from Canton have been arrested at Shumehun for attempting to smuggle rice into Hong Kong.

Thanks From Princess Elizabeth

His Excellency the Governor has received the following letter from H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth.

Dear Sir Alexander,
I am so pleased with the Wedding Presents which the People of Hong Kong have had the kindness to send me. I greatly admire the magnificent silver salver with its Chippendale border and beautifully designed view of Hong Kong Harbour. I am also delighted with the camphorwood chest and the beautiful lengths of silk, which, in their generosity, the People of Hong Kong have given me in addition. These are things, which I shall use and value for myself; but they also represent a loyalty and affection which are more to be prized than anything else and which will encourage us both in the years to come.

Please convey my warmest thanks to all who so generously subscribed to give me such delightful presents.

Your sincerely,
ELIZABETH.

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Nationalist Army To Be Mechanised

Shanghai, Mar. 5.
Nationalist mechanised units stepped up the tempo of their drive to clear the Peiping-Mukden railway today as General Wei Li-huang, Government commander-in-chief in Manchuria, alerted all his forces in Szepingkai to meet the Communist all-out assault on this strategic railway city.

This attack is expected momentarily as General Lin Piao, Communist commander-in-chief, is reported in pro-Government despatches to have completed his troop deployments in Northern Liaoning, for which he is said to have virtually denuded the area south of Mukden of Communist forces.

The coming battle for Szepingkai will see some seven Nationalist and Communist armies, aggregating over 200,000 men, involved.

Simultaneous Communist attacks on Changchun and Kirin—the last two major Government strongholds in Northern Manchuria—were also considered possible by Nationalist military circles who are reported to have taken the necessary precautionary measures.

Both Szepingkai and Kirin weathered the prolonged bitter stages during the Communist offensive last autumn.

Meanwhile, General Fan Han-chieh's mechanised forces are claimed to have made further headway in the major task of re-opening the Peiping-Mukden railway. They are now headed for Hsinmin, 30 miles west of Mukden, where, on arrival, they will have accomplished their task.

Latest reports, however, said that Communist forces, under cover of field guns, have launched fresh attacks against the northern and western outskirts of Hsinmin where bitter fighting is now raging.

In an effort further to modernise the Nationalist Army

FINNISH OPPOSITION TO ALLIANCE

Helsinki, Mar. 5.
Two Finnish minority parties announced their opposition today to entering into a military alliance with Russia. Their stand means that parties representing a majority of the members of Parliament now are aligned against such a tie.

The minority parties—the Conservatives and the Liberals—joined other parties and blocs, however, in approving the opening of negotiations with the Soviet Union on a friendship-and-mutual-assistance pact as suggested last week by Prime Minister Stalin.

The final decision on the answer to Russia now rests with President Paasikivi, a statesman with long experience in dealing with the Russians.

Parliament would be required to ratify any treaty after its conclusion.

To Steer Clear

Helsinki, Mar. 5.
A spokesman reveals that the Conservative Party met today and decided to recommend emphatically that Finland steer clear of an alliance with the Soviet Union which could involve Finland in the Great Powers' conflicts.

A Foreign Office spokesman stressed that according to the Constitution the President decides relations with foreign countries and therefore will decide the pact issue.

Obviously, he added, the President is determined to investigate Parliamentary opinion before reaching a final decision.

The spokesman of the Liberals and Agrarians told United Press that their parties may feel that the President's decision should be based on the results of negotiations with Russia.

New Record On Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 5.
News of Government success in Manchuria failed to stop China's national currency from sliding as heavy buying today pushed blackmarket quotations for United States dollars to a new record of \$35,000 Chinese dollars for one American.

The price of gold rose another million Chinese dollars in the past 24 hours to reach CN\$22,500,000 per ounce.

The Central Bank of China, failed to raise its "open market" rates this morning and continued quoting United States dollars at 151,000 Chinese dollars and the pound sterling at \$53,000 Chinese dollars.

Market observers here believe that a sharp increase in the bank's open market rates is inevitable as the present quotations are "far too unrealistic," being less than half of the black-market rates.

The price of rice meantime stood at CN\$3,000,000 per picul of 170-lb. Despite the recent arrival of 35,000 tons of American relief rice.

As a precaution against further sharp-rocking of commodities, the Finance Control Bureau is reported to be carrying out a rigid examination of all inward remittances from North China.

Bureau officials, according to semi-official sources, will not hesitate to order banks to freeze any remittances found to be used for illicit transactions.—Reuter.

Czechs Flee To U.S. Zone

Prague, Mar. 4.
Security police announced tonight the arrest of Felix Uhl on charges of complicity in setting up espionage centres in the American zone in Germany.

Police said Czechoslovakia were fleeing to these centres.

Police described Uhl as the former head of the Student Section of the People's Party, and said other persons would be involved.

Uhl was accused of selling information to the military espionage organ of an unnamed foreign power. Police said he had worked under false documents which allowed him to travel abroad.—Associated Press.

Respite For Shanghai Cabarets

Shanghai, Mar. 5.
The Shanghai City Council yesterday voted for postponement in the enforcement of the ban on commercialised dancing and pleasure of cabarets and theatres.

The Council also approved a resolution urging the Central Government to rescind the order.

Sponsors of the resolution explained that postponement was necessary because of the peculiar conditions in Shanghai and the serious effect on the livelihood of taxi dancers and other cabaret workers.

Mr. Wu Kai-hien, Commissioner of Social Affairs Bureau, told the Council that, pending the arrival of fresh instructions from the Executive Yuan, the City Government would not enforce the ban.

The Council also approved a motion that the four cabarets which had been chosen by the Executive Yuan to be closed down by the end of this month should be allowed to continue operating until new instructions on the whole matter came from Nanking.—Reuter.

Labour Retains Its Seat

Wigan, Mar. 5.
Labour held its seat in the Wigan by-election, the result of which was declared early this morning. Mr. R. W. Williams (Labour) with 28,941 votes, gained a majority of 11,475 over the Conservative nominee, Mr. Harold Dowling, who received 17,466 votes.

Deposits were forfeited by Mr. R. W. Williams, Communist (1,647 votes) and Mr. Owen L. Roberts, "King's Cavalier" (832 votes).—Reuter.

Millions Of British Immigrants?

London, Mar. 5.
The Cabinet will soon discuss a proposal from Australia that millions instead of thousands of Britons should migrate to Australia.

The proposal, made on a personal basis by the Australian Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur A. Calwell, also provided for the transfer of certain British industries and part of the British national debt.

Britain suffers from acute manpower shortage in her fight against economic disaster, but the official policy indicates clearly that, in the interests of the Commonwealth, efforts will be made to assist migration to any Dominion that asks for it.

It is predicted in political quarters that it might not prove beyond the longevity of the best Commonwealth policy to induce a steady stream of men to make their permanent homes in the United Kingdom.

Official reaction to the plan cannot be expected before it has had detailed consideration. The transfer of industry has been advocated as a matter of defence policy, but Cabinet reaction on this side of the plan is unpredictable.

As matters stand, production and the export policy outweigh in importance even the requirements on long term defence.—Reuter.

Western European Union Talks

Brussels, Mar. 4.
The Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, today opened the conference on a West European Union between Britain, France and the Benelux countries—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow after an hour's meeting, at which the Benelux countries submitted a draft agreement, understood to go far beyond the principles of the Anglo-French Dunkirk Treaty, and of the Inter-American Mutual Assistance Pact.

A communiqué said that an agreement between Britain and France to the five-power conference here tomorrow, it was understood tonight.

The new proposals—resulting from the latest Anglo-French exchanges—will be considered by the Benelux powers, whose own draft has already produced "wide agreement" among the delegates.

The Anglo-French draft will be laid before the conference by Mr. Gladwyn Jebb, of the British Foreign Office, when he arrives from London tomorrow.

The French Government was "optimistic" over the results of the Brussels conference, a French spokesman said in Paris today.

"We look to an economic agreement which would constitute a Western bloc," he added. "This would not be a spectacular gesture, but something of profound reality."

Reports current here—but entirely unconfirmed—suggested that the conference might also consider a proposal to change the parity of the five currencies with gold, but without affecting the exchange rates between them.

It was reported from London that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in a message to the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Dunkirk Treaty, said: "We are now agreed that this war is a common enemy of all civilised peoples and that the only way to prevent its recurrence is by a permanent alliance of all civilised peoples."

PIRATES HOLDING SIX PASSENGERS CAPTIVE ON SMALL ISLET

The six first-class Chinese passengers, taken hostage on December 14-15 last year when some 25 pirates seized control of the 4,500-ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz," after the ship had left Hong Kong waters, are secreted on one of the small islets in the Chiling Point area the "China Mail" learned last night.

The six persons are Tan Kit-cheng, son of the Singapore millionaire, Tan Kai Kee, Pao Ki-po, chief manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank, Parkson Chan, Committee Member of the Chinese Overseas Affairs Bureau in Swatow, Mr. K. P. Young, manager of the insurance department of Wing On Bank in Swatow, Tan Ken-ping and Tan Cheng-sen, both staff members of a Chinese bank in Hong Kong.

The crew of the ss. "Kien Sing," aground at Chiling Point, who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday disclosed to the "China Mail" last night that the pirates who sold fresh fish and vegetables to the crew during the week informed them that the kidnapped men were still on one of the islets near Chiling Point.

They said that ordinary fisherfolk had no access to certain small islands in the area. These were in control of pirate groups. They added that Chinese gendarmes or police dare not approach any of the "special" islets for fear of being attacked.

A clear cut Communist victory in the vote to elect 574 Deputies and some 400 Senators would throw the Western Powers' long range strategy so awry that an understanding with Russia and the East might become, finally, impossible.

An indecisive election, if it prepared the way for events such as the recent ones in Czechoslovakia, might be equally fraught with peril.

Early on Thursday afternoon parties and coalitions, headed by the powerful Communist-Socialist "Popular Front" had fled nationwide lists of candidates.—Associated Press.

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History Of World War I

London, Mar. 5.
The Prime Minister states in a parliamentary reply that the volume of official history of the 1914-1918 war, describing the end of the 1918 campaign in France and Belgium, will be published on March 11 and a Passendale volume will follow later this year.

Two remaining volumes will be published as soon as possible thereafter.—Reuter.

Soviet Protest Lodged

Moscow, Mar. 4.
The Soviet Ministry for Foreign Affairs has sent a second note to the United States Government protesting against violations of merchant shipping freedom in the Pacific and "insisting on immediate measures" to end them.

Moscow Radio, in an English broadcast, declared: "American planes continue to violate the freedom of merchant shipping."

"As previously announced, the Soviet Ministry for Foreign Affairs sent a note on January 30 to the American Embassy in Moscow about the repeated violations of the freedom of merchant shipping by American aircraft, which have been examining Soviet merchant vessels in the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan, circling over the ships, passing over them at a low level and even diving down at them."

"The note said the Soviet Ministry for Foreign Affairs expected the United States Government would instruct the proper American authorities to see that there should be no such violations in the future."

"According to information to hand, the United States has not yet replied to this note."

"In the meantime, the Soviet Government has heard about fresh violations of the freedom of merchant shipping by American planes in the Far East."

"In view of this, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has sent the American Embassy a note again calling the attention of the United States Government to the matter and insisting on immediate measures to stop these violations."—Reuter.

Bao Dai On Way Out

Geneva, Mar. 4.
Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam and Supreme Counsellor to the French Government, left Geneva last night for Cairo, whence he will travel on to Hongkong.

Bao Dai has recently had conversations in Paris with the French Premier, M. Robert Schuman, and other Ministers and officials on the terms of a peace settlement in French Indo-China.

He visited Cannes from Paris after his projected discussion with M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, had been postponed till an unspecified date. They were to have met on board a French warship in Indo-Chinese waters.—Reuter.

The Weather

A week's outlook for March 6 to 12 is as follows: Another day of rain or drizzle. A shallow depression is moving into the area from the west. The weather will be unsettled with rain or drizzle and some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

Tomorrow's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

Wednesday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

Thursday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

Friday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some sun. The temperature will be in the 50s and 60s.

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BRITISH EMPIRE BY NO MEANS BREAKING UP

Waterfront Battle In Swatow

A battle between rival waterfront coolies occurred in Swatow on Wednesday. One man was killed and four seriously injured, according to press dispatches from Swatow yesterday.

The report said that the men used hand-grenades, rocks, bamboo poles and iron bars. The fight resulted over "jurisdiction rights" and trespassing on one another's territory.

More than 100 coolies were involved. The fight was broken up by the police and gendarmes.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL W/T STATION

Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday fixed 11.30 a.m. on March 11 for the hearing of the case in which Chung Chi-ming, (26), Wong Lau (19), Li Siu (20, married woman), and Choi Yau (40, widow), are charged with the use and possession of a telecommunication set at 7 Hankow Road, second floor, on Feb. 28.

With the four accused will appear Chan Siu-fai, 62-year-old tailor, on the charge of permitting the premises to be used as an illegal wireless station.

Mr. Marcus de Silva is appearing for all defendants, who are on bail for \$2,000 cash and \$3,000 surety each.

DESPATCH RIDER INJURED

An R.A.F. despatch rider was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when swinging out of the Colonial Secretariat compound into Lower Albert Road.

At the time, China Motor Bus Company's omnibus, one of the new Tilling-Stevens, was travelling towards Garden Road, struck the rider nearly thirty feet.

The man's right leg was badly smashed. Neither the Police nor the Military Hospital authorities knew anything about the accident when approached by the "China Mail" last night.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Orders by Asst. Comm. A. C. Arculli, Acting Commissioner, St. J.A.B. Order No. 8/48, dated Mar. 5, 1948:

Parades: Hong Kong, St. Nam Div., St. Nam College, Sat. Mar. 6, 7.30 p.m.; Shaikwan Div., Taikeo Chinese School, Sat. Mar. 6, 8 p.m.

H.K. Ambulance Detachment, Mar. 6 to Mar. 12, Confusion Div., Mar. 13 to Mar. 20, Wanchai "B" Div., Mar. 20 to Mar. 26, Wanchai "A" Div.

Inspections: The Asst. Comm. will inspect the following divisions at Brigade H.Q. at 6.00 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, Mar. 5, Wanchai "B" Division; Tuesday, Mar. 9, Central Division; Tuesday, Mar. 16, Eastern Division. Dress: Full parade uniform.

Notice: Divisional Superintendents are reminded that their members must now be re-examined as Public Vaccinators. (Sgd.) R.A. EDWARDS, Corps Officer.

For attempting to steal 20 chickens, valued by the owner at \$100, Wong Tim, 25-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

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SUPPOSE WE NOW A GENTLEMAN'S SKIP HIM AND SO ON WITH THE OTHERS.



Importance Of Being Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a vital, important, strategic position, Mr. Somerset de Chair, distinguished author and former Conservative M.P., told a press conference yesterday. He was discussing the general situation today of the British Empire, and asserted that it "is on the eve of a new development."

"The colony is well organized and thriving in a rather chaotic world today," said Mr. de Chair, who is on a War Office-sponsored lecture tour to the Far East in Malaya, Hong Kong, and Ceylon. It was a "great disaster" when Hong Kong and Singapore fell to the Japanese, India and Australia, however, survived, and it was through her "amazing power of survival" that the British Empire finally brought her enemies to their knees.

His father was born in Canada, his mother in South Africa, and he in England but educated in Australia. Mr. de Chair regarded the Empire as a single unit. He strongly believed in a federation of the Empire as a solid, compact, organized bloc, comparable with that of the Soviet Union or the United States of America.

"Two irreconcilable ideologies" are now tearing the world, and the outlook "is gloomy." Russia is unconquering in her Communism while the United States stands firm for unrestricted Capitalism. The British Empire should stand equidistant between these two and act as a balancing factor. "She should be a solid buffer between them and not the battleground," Mr. de Chair declared.

"Nothing," declared the speaker, "could be further from the truth. I believe that the Labour Government in England has now reached the limits of immediate frontier concessions and the stiffening of its attitude in such places as the Falkland Islands and British Honduras are red lights for the world from a 'Red' Government."

He was, continued the speaker, somewhat astonished in Singapore to read in the newspapers a statement about Chinese income tax (Laughter) with the curious statement that Hong Kong was in the Canton district for income tax purposes.

Very Surprised

"I should have been very surprised," said the speaker, "when recently visiting the Channel Islands in my yacht, on the way from Cherbourg to Guernsey, to learn that the Island of Guernsey was in the Cherbourg district for the purpose of income tax, (Laughter) or if I had heard that General Franco was announcing that Gibraltar was in the Madagascarian district of Spain for income tax purposes."

"I hope nobody in this hemisphere is drawing any false conclusions about the shape of the British Empire," concluded the speaker, amidst applause.

CHARGED WITH ARMED THEFT

Tang Yiu-wing (28), Li Chung-woo alias Lau Sze-sang alias Lau Chuen-heung (24), and Lai Hing-sing (39), rattle workers of 295 Y Chau Street, first floor, were remanded for a further week in custody by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

"The Poet's Universe"

The English author, poet and university lecturer, Mr. Edmund Blunden who arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday, gave an address last evening in Government House entitled "The Poet's Universe."

Mr. Blunden has just completed a tour of Universities in Japan where he spoke on various literary subjects. Describing the literary of the Florentine poet Dante's work and comparing him to English poets such as Chaucer, Milton, Lord Byron, Coleridge, Mr. Blunden said: "It is improbable that any poet in any language will again construct or adopt the 'scheme' of his study of God and man, so complex, so clear a cosmic system as did Dante. Without going deep into the manifold scheme of Dante's vision, its countless minor accommodations, its 'fascinating' distribution of qualities and human examples, and divine revelations through its various imagined habitations, we may say that even the crudest diagram of the work is evidence of a continuous conception of the universe to which no English poet has achieved a parallel."

Mr. Blunden said he did so in order to sketch how the English poetic mind in general touched upon the literary of the Florentine poet Dante's work and comparing him to English poets such as Chaucer, Milton, Lord Byron, Coleridge, Mr. Blunden said: "It is improbable that any poet in any language will again construct or adopt the 'scheme' of his study of God and man, so complex, so clear a cosmic system as did Dante. Without going deep into the manifold scheme of Dante's vision, its countless minor accommodations, its 'fascinating' distribution of qualities and human examples, and divine revelations through its various imagined habitations, we may say that even the crudest diagram of the work is evidence of a continuous conception of the universe to which no English poet has achieved a parallel."

After analysing many of Shakespeare's works Mr. Blunden said, "Shakespeare's universe is not troubled with anticipations of its overthrow, is memorably involved with his idea of murder."

Crew Of Stranded Ship Arrive

Seventy of the crew of the Chinese freighter, "Kien Sing," grounded 80 miles northeast of Hong Kong at Chiling Point, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon.

With a skeleton crew of seven, Captain Trojan, master of the ill-fated vessel, is remaining on the grounded ship awaiting instructions from the owners, Messrs. Yik Cheung Steam Navigation Company in Shanghai, whether or not to abandon the ship.

Fifty-four of the crew were landed in Hong Kong at 2 p.m. yesterday by a Chinese Maritime Customs tug. Sixteen followed two hours later by the salvage tug, "Caroline Moller."

A second Chinese Customs cruiser is standing by the grounded ship at Chiling Point to discourage any attempts at piracy, and to take off Captain Trojan and the seven crew in case the ship breaks up.

The 6,000-ton "Kien Sing" went aground in heavy fog last Saturday morning while en route from Yulin Harbour (Hainan Island) to Kobe with 4,000 tons of iron ore. Part of the cargo of ore was jettisoned during the week in attempts to refloat the vessel.

Died Of T.B. At Stanley

A verdict of death by pulmonary tuberculosis was the jury's finding at Central Magistracy yesterday, which deliberated over the death of 32-year-old Ho Fu, alias Ho Kwok, alias Ho Kwong, who died at Stanley Prison on Feb. 26 morning.

Mr. F.X. d'Almada sat as Coroner.

Acting Chief Officer of Stanley Prison A.D. Spoor said that Ho Fu, who was sentenced to four years' hard labour and 12 strokes for possessing arms and ammunition on Nov. 25, 1946, was admitted to hospital on Feb. 14, 1948.

Dr. C.H. Lee, M.O. of Stanley Prison Hospital, said deceased was brought to hospital coughing. He was suffering from pulmonary T.B. and his condition deteriorated gradually. He died on Feb. 26 at 8.30 a.m.

Kenneth M. Pettorly has been appointed Assistant Freight Traffic of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with jurisdiction over the Pacific Region and the Company's U.S. West Coast Agencies. It is announced from Montreal that Mr. Pettorly formerly worked in the Oriental organization of the C.P.R. at Hong Kong, Kobe, Tientsin, Peking, and Shanghai.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.00 to 2.00 p.m., and from 8.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.20 to 1.20, 2.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

R.K.T. 12.40 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.50 p.m.—Crisscrossing: "Winners" Gene Melachrine & His String with Linda Grey (Vocal).

1.02 p.m.—Tangoes by the Robert Renard Orchestra.

1.16 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Organ Interlude.

1.40 p.m.—Studio: Rudy Diaz and His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.00 p.m.—Light Variety.

2.30 p.m.—Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

4.00 p.m.—Studio: Terry Lou and the "Piano."

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.18 p.m.—Studio: "The Future of the British Empire"—Talk by Mr. Somerset de Chair.

7.44 p.m.—Bob Walker, Introducer: Guy Beck, Alvin Liddler, Norman Hackforth, Marie "Happy" Larenti and Arthur Adair.

8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Fred Hartley and His Music.

8.16 p.m.—Studio: "See 'Yes' Sooner Commentary—Land Forces of South China.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Melodius from British Radio.

8.40 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—"Antisocial Behaviour."

9.30 p.m.—London, Playhouse: "The Silver Platter."

10.00 p.m.—Kowloon Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—Cabaret and Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 20th Feb. 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

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The Annual Meeting & Smok-
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the H.K.V.D.C. Drill Hall can
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General Managers.
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ter of Members of the Com-
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By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

NOTICE THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances the meeting is postponed
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at
6.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.
Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda:— To receive reports
and accounts for the
past year.

To review and, if
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vise the constitu-
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Wedemeyer Insists Economic Aid Is Not Enough To Protect American Interests

Uproar In French Assembly

Paris, Mar. 4.

After Communists and non-
Communist deputies had tried
to shout each other down for
five minutes, today's session of
the French National Assembly
was suspended by Mr Andre le
Troquer, the Deputy Speaker.

The uproar began when M.
Pleuro Falet, a Communist de-
puty from Algeria, refused to
leave the rostrum after being
ordered to do so by a vote of
the Chamber.

Earlier, M. Georges Bidault,
the Foreign Minister, had
walked out in protest against
an attack on French Algerian
policy by another Communist
from Algeria, Mme. Alice
Sportisse.

After a short interval, dur-
ing which M. Falet was per-
suaded to leave the rostrum,
the debate was resumed.

M. Bidault had taken his
seat again on the Government
benches.

The debate was suspended at
6.30 p.m. GMT until tomorrow.
—Reuter.

Soviet Member Was Out Of Order

Tokyo, Mar. 3.

The Allied Council for Japan, at its fortnightly
meeting today, refused to hear the Soviet ac-
cusation of ultranationalism and pro-militar-
ism against Prime Minister-designate Hiroshi
Ashida and four other members of the pre-
vious Katayama Cabinet who are likely to
participate in Ashida's Cabinet now being
formed.

In the bitterest Soviet-Ameri-
can clash in many months,
Major-General A. P. Kislenko
the Soviet member, declared
that the rights of council mem-
bers was being violated and
that he could only interpret the
remarks of the American chair-
man Sebald as forbidding him
to express his views.

"That is the action, Soviet
member's privilege," Sebald
said.

Kislenko, who began the dis-
cussion, said Ashida for seven
years before 1940 was president
of the Japan Times, which was
"one of the most notorious
media for spreading Japanese
propaganda."

"I should like to interrupt,"
Sebald said. "I think the acting
Soviet member is entirely out
of order. There is a board set
up to investigate such charges.
If the acting Soviet member
has any information to give he
may give it there. The Council
is not the proper place."

Kislenko said he did not in-
tend to deal with any board but
only the Allied Council. In
Sebald's remark he saw an at-
tempt to grossly violate the
rights of members of the Coun-
cil. —Reuter.

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Washington, Mar. 4.

Economic aid would not be enough to protect
American interests in China, Lieutenant Gen-
eral Albert C. Wedemeyer said today.
Giving evidence on the proposed assistance to
China before the House of Representatives
Foreign Affairs Committee, General Wede-
meyer strongly recommended military help to
the Nanking Government and said:

"We should not create an
economic strength which is not
protected by our armed forces
until a United Nations force is
prepared to ensure the peace of
the world."

General Wedemeyer, who is
Director of Army Plans and
Operations, continued: "The
forces opposing the Chinese Gov-
ernment have been growing
and economic aid is not now
enough."

"Two years ago, economic aid
would have been enough, but
now it is too late. \$200,000,000
would have helped China im-
mensely if applied wisely
then. Now I would not recom-
mend \$500,000,000 for economic
aid which would not be properly
protected."

"If we intend to put an end to
the advance which has been
sweeping over Czechoslovakia
and China, we must do more
than aid economically."

He said the war had creat-
ed dangerous power vacuums
throughout the world and
added: "The experience of
history is that we must pro-
tect the areas of our national
interest where power vacuums
exist."

"The situation has deteriorated
a lot since I left there last
August. What it would require
militarily can now only be de-
termined by a new survey of the
situation."

General Wedemeyer made an
extensive survey in China last
summer for President Truman.
His findings have never been
made public.

The general said that President
Truman had given him orders
not to discuss that report. Fre-
quently he asked to be excused
from answering specific questions
for fear of disclosing secret in-
formation.

The Committee then voted to
hold a private session, excluding
newspapers and the public, at
which General Wedemeyer could
speak more freely. —Reuter.

U.S. Navy Ships To Be Scuttled

Washington, Mar. 4.

The 33,000-ton United States
battleship Pennsylvania, still
highly radioactive, 20 months
after it was used as a "guinea
pig" in the atom bomb test in
the Pacific, was scuttled near
Kwajalein Island on February
19, the Navy Department an-
nounced today.

Two other warships, also
to be suffering from "progres-
sive deterioration," the destroy-
er Trippe and the attack trans-
port Banner, were also sun-
ken last month.

All were so extremely radio
active that the cost of "decon-
tamination" would have been
more than the ships were
worth. —Reuter.

Britain To Apply For An Advance

Washington, Mar. 4.
Government officials said they
expect Britain to apply soon
for an \$885,000,000 advance
from the International Mon-
etary Fund.

That is all Britain would be
permitted to borrow until Sep-
tember because she previously
withdrew \$240,000,000 in
three instalments.

American officials said
US\$85,000,000 probably would
last Britain until around April
1 when Marshall plan money
might be available. —Associated
Press.

IRAQ CABINET RESHUFFLE

Baghdad, Mar. 4.

The Iraqi Cabinet reshuffle
by the Premier, Syed Moham-
med Alakbari, was confirmed to-
day by a Royal decree.

The new appointments are:
Minister of the Interior—
Nasir El-Farisi, formerly
Minister without Portfolio.

Minister without Portfolio—
Jamil Madfal, formerly Minis-
ter of the Interior.

Minister of Justice—Naji
El-Rawi, formerly Minister of
Social Affairs.
Minister for Social Affairs—
David El-Haidari, formerly
Minister without Portfolio.
The Premier, Syed Moham-
med Alakbari, said the new
Cabinet was a "strong and
efficient" one.

Yugoslav Protest To U.S.A.

Washington, Mar. 4.

Yugoslavia made a formal
protest to the U.S. State De-
partment today against the
presence of the former Regent
of Hungary, Admiral Nicolas
Horthy, at the wedding of a
United States official at Munich.

The protest, which states
that Admiral Horthy was
wanted by Yugoslavia as a war
criminal, recalled that Yugo-
slavia had applied for his ex-
tradition from Germany, and
added: "The Yugoslavia Am-
bassador begs the Secretary of
State to be informed what steps
will be taken to punish these
American officials."

The wedding was that of the
United States Consul, Mr. Sam
Woodis, in February. —Reuter.

Warning To British Companies

Peiping, Mar. 5.

A circular addressed to Brit-
ish concerns here today by the
Consulate General advises them
that, in view of deteriorating
situation, their Home principals
be warned against sending
women and children to the
North China areas until fur-
ther notice.

The circular also adds that
it would be wise to send away
from Peiping non-essential per-
sonnel, women and children in
order to avoid congestion should
evacuation become necessary in
the future.

Actually, the circular is more
ly routine and does not indicate
any immediate worsening of
the situation. —From Our Own
Correspondent.

ASHES OF GANDHI

Rangoon, Mar. 4.

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CZECHS ATTEMPT FLIGHT Workers' Militia Join Frontier Guards

Former Minister And Daughter Caught

Prague, Mar. 4. Thousands of people who fear persecution in opposition to Communism have tried to cross the frontier into the American Zone of Germany, according to unofficial reports here today.

Frontier guards have been reinforced by powerful groups of armed workers' militiamen, experts in underground resistance, familiar with all the channels through which resistance groups crossed the frontier during the war.

Trained dogs are reported to be helping the frontier watch. Escape over the snow-covered mountains has thus been made much more difficult, these reports said.

The rumours of attempted escapes grew after an official announcement today that Professor Adolf Prohaska, former People's Party (Catholic) Health Minister, and his wife had tried to leave the country.

Their daughter was arrested while trying to cross the border with a Czech Socialist Member of Parliament.

Twenty former members of the Czech Brigade, who served with the British forces during the war, are among the 170 refugees who have crossed from Czechoslovakia into the United States Zone.

Army Men?
According to the German police at Hof, on the Czech-German border, several of the escapees wore the uniform of the regular forces.

Dr. Benes, the Czechoslovak President, has been ordered a complete rest by his doctors, officials of the Ministry of Information said today.

It was added that the President, whose illness was officially confirmed last night, would not be returning yet to Prague from his country residence.

It is understood that the former Czechoslovak Constitution, which sets the precedent in such matters, provides that when the President is unable to carry out his duties, he is replaced by the Premier.

It was reported from The Hague today that General Serge Ingré, the Czech Minister to the Netherlands, has resigned in connection, it is understood, with the crisis in Prague.

A review of the Czechoslovak Government's new nationalisation programme, published today, show that less than eight percent of the production, and no wholesale or foreign trade at all, remained in private hands.

Witch Hunt
The newly-appointed Communist Minister of Justice has invited the public to denounce any case of collaboration with the Germans during the occupation where they think the punishment inflicted was too light.

Special courts, composed of one professional judge and two partisans, will revise all trials of collaborators.

M. Zdenek Nejedly, the Communist Minister of Education, has ordered special meetings of all schools and universities for lectures on the importance of the Soviet Union and of "brotherly relations" among the Czechs, Slovaks and the Soviet peoples.

118 Arrests
The Ministry of the Interior told a delegation of the International Students Union today that 118 people, nearly all students, were arrested during the recent crisis, according to the Czechoslovak news agency.

The delegation, consisting of M. Joza Grohman, the Chairman, M. Madden, the General Secretary, and Mr. Jim Smith, Vice-Chairman for the United States, said the Government maintained that the police action in dispersing the demonstrating students was justified.

The delegation was told that of the 118 persons arrested, six were released, two were handed over to the security forces because of incriminating documents found on them, and two were handed over to a criminal court on charges not related to the demonstrations.

The other 108 were imprisoned for from two to seven days, except for one man who got 14 days.—Reuter.

Secret Service Cost

London, Mar. 4. Britain will spend £2,500,000 on her Secret Service this year, the same as last year, it was disclosed today with the publication of the Civil Estimates for Central Government and Finance.

During the coming year, two officials will persist with the writing of the history of the 1914 to 1918 war at a cost to the tax-payer of £1,730.—Reuter.

Ashida's Shock For SCAP

Tokyo, Mar. 5. The Japanese Ministry of Education has received reports that the Premier-designate, Hitoshi Ashida, has travelled around Japan speaking against the American-sponsored revisions of the Japanese school system.

Mark Orr, Head of SCAP Education Division, confirmed that such reports have been received.

Ashida, who is in the midst of forming a new Cabinet, could not be reached for comment.

Japanese sources told United Press that Ashida, while serving as Foreign Minister, toured sections of Japan in January telling local prefectural authorities not to spend money on buildings and other things to be used in the new system. They alleged that Ashida claimed that such spending would overtax the Japanese, adding that the Americans would soon be gone anyway and proposed that the educational changes be altered.

Orr confirmed everything but the part that Ashida had said that the Americans would soon be gone.

Some of the actual construction work already in progress was halted after Ashida's visit.

When Orr questioned associates of Ashida they explained that Ashida probably misunderstood the new system and assured him that Ashida would not do it any more.—United Press.

SAFETY MOVE IN HAIFA
Haifa, Mar. 5. British officials and their families waiting at Haifa to return to England have been moved to the Arab area of Jenin because of the fear of possible Jewish attacks, a reliable source in Haifa said on Thursday.

Plans for the evacuation of civilians from Palestine had been recast owing to the temper of the Jews since the Ben Yehuda Street bombing nearly a fortnight ago and to "other information" the source added.—Associated Press.

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Bride And Groom Say "I Won't"

Stoke-on-Trent, Mar. 4. All was ready for the wedding—the Church ceremony, reception and honeymoon. The bride had her gown, the bridesmaids their dresses; presents were on view and (the chief item) a £2,500 furnished house was waiting.

But then came trouble between the bride and groom, which cancelled it all out. The following is how it was explained.

The bride, 29-year-old Patricia Hind, said: "We quarrelled over ten extra guests that, he wanted at the reception after arrangements had been made for a party of 60. He also wanted me to pay for taxis, which I considered his obligation."

The groom, 24-year-old William Ford, said: "The ten extra guests included men friends and their wives I had known all my life. I could not reason it out with Pat. The atmosphere was more suited to a funeral than a wedding, so I called the whole thing off."—Reuter.

VOTE DEMANDED BY AMERICA

Lake Success, Mar. 4. The United States insisted on Thursday night that the Security Council must vote soon on endorsing the partition of Palestine. The first test ballot was to be held on Friday.

The US was said to be standing behind its pending resolution in the face of almost certain defeat.

China is among the nations opposing the American plan to accept the Assembly's partition decision and name the big five powers to confer on what to do next.—Associated Press.

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PALESTINE

The laboured discussions on Palestine proceeding in the Security Council are just what might have been expected. Especially when the debate began with a carefully cooked-up formula by the United States delegate, putting America behind the partition decision, but delicately non-committal on the subject of the means to implement it when Britain surrenders the mandate.

Partition was American policy first and became United Nations policy only because of the strength of America's insistence. Now the time is arriving when the Americans must see this thing through—and it begins to wear a very different look from the good old days when all they had to do was to blame the British.

For example, the Zionists said they could look after the situation in Palestine, because Arab resistance would be feeble. But they have discovered their mistake.

The Arabs, getting together, intend to make war on the Jews when the British leave. So the Zionists are now clamouring for weapons to fight the Arabs, and badgering the American Government to raise the arms embargo.

If partition is imposed it will need an international army. But the other nations have little stomach for the job we have performed alone for many years. American mothers are not keen to have their boys killed in the quarrel, whether as members of an international force or not.

Then there is oil. The Arab countries have leased many huge oil concessions to the United States. They threaten to withdraw them if America insists upon the partition policy.

Finally, there is the immigration question. The moment Britain gets out Jews will be free to stream into Palestine by scores of thousands from Cyprus and all the countries of Europe. Just one more complication in this labyrinthine problem.

No wonder the United Nations is hesitating on the brink. Everyone realizes that only an international force can stop a war in Palestine—and there is hardly time to raise one before the British leave.

Well, that is UNO's worry, not the British. A standstill in Palestine, while efforts are made to reconcile Jews and Arabs, has been suggested. During that time law and order would be maintained by the British? The men who are caught between two fires and do not fire back? The men who are blamed for the crimes of both sides, and are murdered by snipers when they run to help?

If there remains any solution to the problem which does not condemn the Holy Land to be a shambles, it will call for a lot of face-saving, an arrangement acceptable both to Jews and to Arabs, and for a withdrawal of Jewish insistence upon the creation of a separate Jewish State.

Nothing else will serve.

An Arab-Jewish federal state is envisaged, a solution on which the Arabs have been prepared to make concessions, and on which the Jews have remained adamant.

Meantime, the Arabs have achieved their first objective. Words failed, but deeds have effective proved their determination. In this sense, the tragedies proceeding in the Holy Land are but part of a war of nerves, but history has proved that wars of nerves, if unavailing, must inevitably become wars of action. There would be less hesitation at Lake Success were this not crystal clear.

Something Like Coming
Off The Gold Standard!

DE VALERA'S FALL SHOCKS EIRE

Dublin. The dropping of Mr. de Valera has left Ireland breathless. It is something like coming off the gold standard. His projected trip to the United States is definitely off. In one respect at least what has happened is wholesome. After 16 years the country desires a change. It was perplexed as to the kind of change it wanted, but at the moment prefers the change that has occurred to no change at all. Some supporters of Mr. MacBride are indignant, but if the electorate could be consulted tomorrow it would almost certainly vote to maintain the new and discard the old.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Costello, besides being an able and successful barrister and a forthright and likeable man, has the distinction of captaining the Portmarnock Gold Club. As a Nationalist of the old school, he took no part in "the trouble," though he accepted a brief in the

illegal Sinn Féin court before the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Not he, but Mr. Dillon, was the chief architect of the coalition, and it was with reluctance that he accepted the Premiership. Had he declined, the coalition could not have been realised.

The two vital questions on which I have had frank conversations with the present Premier and the last one and with many other front benchers are whether the Administration will last a reasonable time and whether it will govern well. Although a Government which rejects the very name of "coalition" and prefers the label "interparty" is on the face of it a fragile construction, and although some of its members are men of great ability and energy, it is easier to be optimistic on the first point than on the second.

The desire to keep Mr. de Valera out, break the great magic of his name, confuse his predictions, retain portfolios and distribute

Bid To Prevent A Deadlock

London, Mar. 4. The British, French and American representatives at the Conference of Foreign Ministers deputies on Austria here today agreed to take the Soviet claims on former German assets in Austria as a basis for negotiation, although they were unwilling to accept these claims as they stood.

The three delegates indicated that they were anxious to continue the negotiations on the Austrian treaty, even in the face of the apparent deadlock which has become evident at recent meetings.

Their proposal to accept the Soviet claims as a basis for discussion was interpreted in diplomatic quarters here as a move to keep the conference alive.

The three delegates still maintain, however, that a final verdict on German assets in Austria is impossible until the Soviet Government provides concrete figures instead of percentages on its claims.

The figures submitted by the British delegate, Mr. James Marjoribanks on the British proposal last Tuesday that the Soviet Government should confine its claims in the category of oil to taking over 15 specific companies showed that under the British plan, the Soviet Government would get about 40 per cent of the oil extraction a year and about 33-1/3 per cent of the extraction and exploration rights claimed by the Soviet Government.

It will have to be decided at tomorrow's meeting whether in the light of the provisional British, French and American comments on the Soviet claims it will be possible to start negotiations, and point by point, in the hope of securing Soviet concessions.—Reuter.

Admitting the possibility of forming a carriage road, of which we take leave to doubt, the difficulty of procuring funds to compass such an undertaking would prove an insuperable barrier to the scheme which our correspondent proposes....

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patronage to those who have long been starved of it, will act for a time as a powerful stimulant. According to one view Ministers will continue for about 18 months on an agreed programme and then fall apart. According to another, if they manage to get through the first six months they are good for a full term of five years. Cynics point out that three years are required to qualify for a pension.

One would like to think that the five Government parties and their independent allies would end by fusing into a single party with a new name, but this is still a distant and perhaps fanciful prospect. An urgent problem is to find a formula for avoiding internecine contests in by-elections.

As regards efficiency, nobody familiar with what goes on in France can fall to be uneasy over possibilities of day-to-day interference by the numerous party organisations with the decisions of their representatives in the Cabinet. The principle of collective Ministerial responsibility is embedded in the constitution, but will require vigilance to enforce and maintain.

Financial estimates and budgets from ahead in the near future. The Minister for Finance, Mr. McGilligan, has an excellent brain and will need it. He and his colleagues are committed to reducing taxes, extending social services and bringing down the cost of living. If, as is probable, they resort to borrowing, the result must be ultimately inflationary.

The Government have had in England and America a worse, and in Ireland a better, Press than it deserves. Fianna Fail badly need a spell in opposition, and it is entirely unlikely that there should be no practical alternative to their rule. If the Administration does achieve organic unity without disfiguring and dispersing its supporters there will be every reason to cheer.

Radar Trip Across Channel

London, Mar. 4.

The 1,076-ton, Antwerp vessel, *Topaze*, arrived in the River Thames at Tilbury today after the first English Channel crossing ever made entirely by radar navigation.

The ship left Ostend yesterday in a thick fog, which normally would have kept her in harbour, and the visibility continued so bad that the master saw nothing of other shipping until the vessel reached Tilbury.

When the *Topaze* arrived, exactly on time, the master, Captain de la Rue, stated that he had had a perfect picture on the radar screen of all buoys, ships and surrounding land, and had been able to judge his distances to a few yards, although from the bridge he had been able to see nothing at all.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By SHEPARD BARCLAY
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KILLABLE KINGS MARKED

Any dealer gets a kick out of dropping with his ace a king which would have won a trick if he had finessed. Such plays are made on pure hunches, but in those cases there is no satisfaction comparable to that from reasoning which shows that the play is marked as probable to succeed. There are situations in which the thorough card-reader can figure out that he should make the try, with the odds heavily in his favour.

S J 5 4
H Q 7 6 3
D 7 5 4
C K 4 2

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)
South West East
1 S 2 D Pass Pass
2 H 3 D Pass Pass
3 H 4 C 4 H

It's pretty hard to defend that bidding by South who should have doubled on his first bid and in any event was making the mistake of not making a conventional bid which would have shown two suits.

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reckoning told him to count West for six diamonds and four clubs because of the twice-bid first suit before the singly-bid second. West therefore could have only three major suit cards, probably one of them a heart and two of them spades, very likely including both kings.

So to the third trick, he laid down the heart A and dropped one king. He led to the heart Q and brought forth the spade J, letting it run to the Q. West returned the club 7 to the J and East returned the heart 9 to the 10. Now South reckoned that if East had held the spade K, he would have covered the J lead from dummy on the fifth trick. Since he did not, West must have the K. So South laid down the A and fell to his second dropped king. The spade 10 and 9 and the two top diamonds then completed the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 4 2
H 4 2
D K Q J 8 5 4
C 10

S 10 9 7
H A Q J 10 8
D A 7 6
C 7 5

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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



Finland Likely To Negotiate

Helsinki, Mar. 4. Finland is likely to agree to start negotiations for a military assistance pact with Russia, a Finnish Foreign Office spokesman stated tonight. He added: "The President and Parliament, however, have the last word."

This statement came six days after it had become known that Marshal Stalin had written to President Paasikivi, suggesting a pact modelled on those signed by Russia with Rumania and Hungary.

Since last Friday, there have been behind the scenes consultations between the Finnish political parties and today a second party has agreed to the negotiations with Russia.

Most political parties tonight, showed extreme reluctance to commit Finland to a military assistance pact with Russia despite the statement.

The political parties have the last word in the matter, and so far only the Communists and the extreme Leftwing People's Democrats have given President Paasikivi an unqualified "yes" to his inquiry whether they support the proposed pact.

The Swedish People's Party, after a three-hour session tonight, could only tell the President that they would "not object to the negotiations being started."

This reply, it was understood, did not satisfy the President as it did not answer the seven points he had fixed as a basis for the parties' discussions.

These points included the role Finland's reduced armed forces could play in any military pact, the suitability of the Russo-Hungarian and Russo-Rumanian pacts as models for the Finnish pact, and the effect on public opinion here of the proposed pact.

The Swedish People's Party agreed, however, to a supplementary answer, covering these points later.

After two long sessions today, the Agrarians, Conservatives and Liberals could not reach a decision, and adjourned until tomorrow.

The Social Democrats, after sitting the whole day and promising their reply later tonight, announced: "Our country has no possibility of refusing at least to negotiate, particularly as no information is available on the terms of the proposed pact."

"During the negotiations, we must, however, work on the basis that our people wish to maintain their neutrality and

Red Move In Austria

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Danger Signal

Whispering campaigns that "reactionary elements" of the Right are secretly planning a coup d'etat started in several factories here today.

Parliamentary circles believe that the campaigns were launched by the Communists and drew a parallel with similar accusations against the Rightwing in Czechoslovakia before the action committees began their activities.—Reuter.

Egypt Treaty Discussions

London, Mar. 4. Abdel Fattah Amer Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador in London, today said that he had been officially informed of the Egyptian Government's decision to accept the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

A full report on the international crisis is expected to be submitted by Amer Pasha to the Egyptian Government and to the palace. Mr. Pasha is expected to remain in Cairo two weeks before his return to London.—Associated Press.

"Work Or Fight" For All

Washington, Mar. 4. Lewis R. Howey, director of Selective Service, said today that the Government's emergency defence programme includes a plan for a universal "work or fight" draft of all men and women.

Congress would have to authorize such a plan before it could be put in effect.

Howey also told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that the armed forces are set to induct men at a much faster rate in an emergency than they did during World War II.—United Press.

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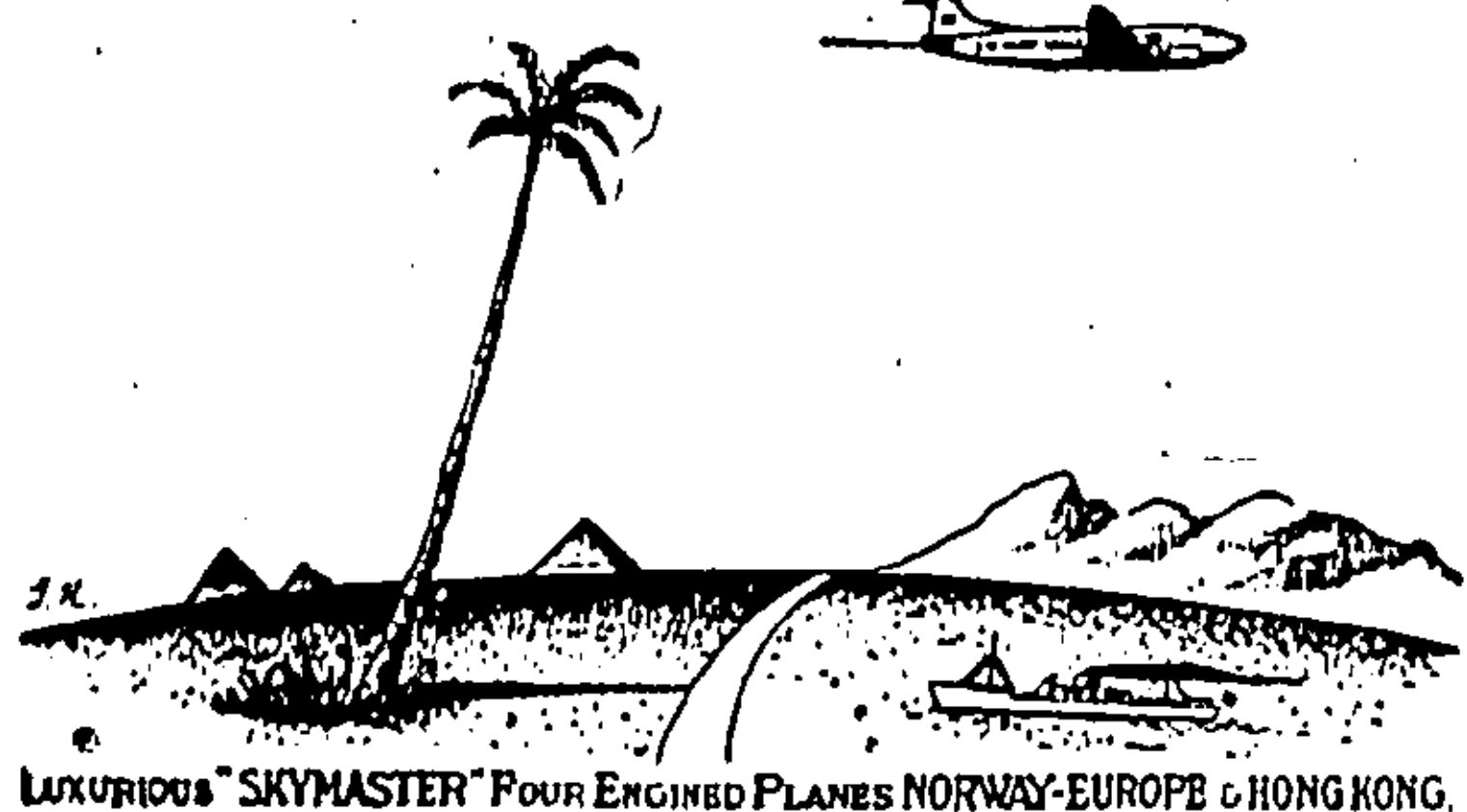
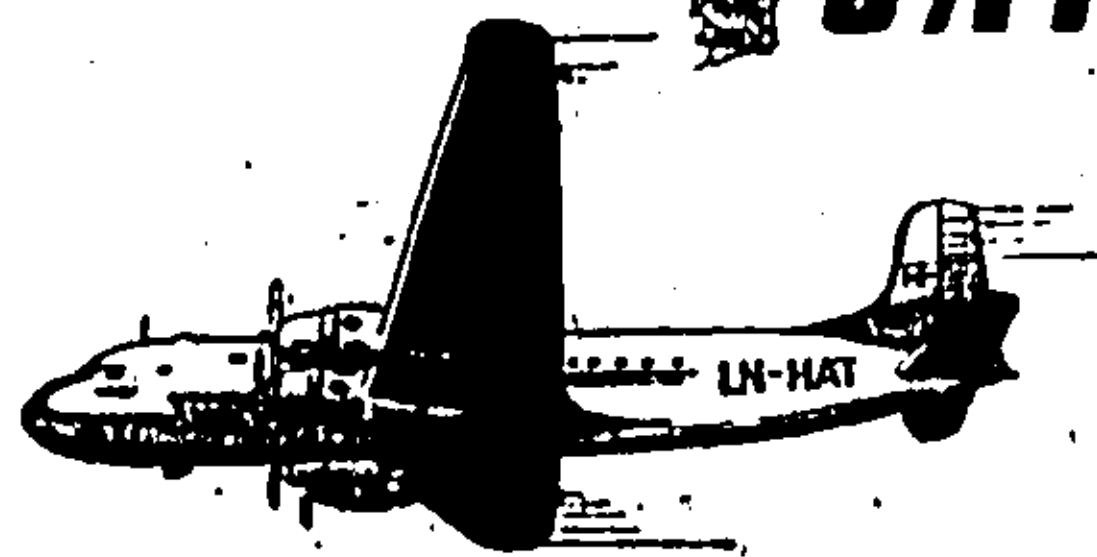
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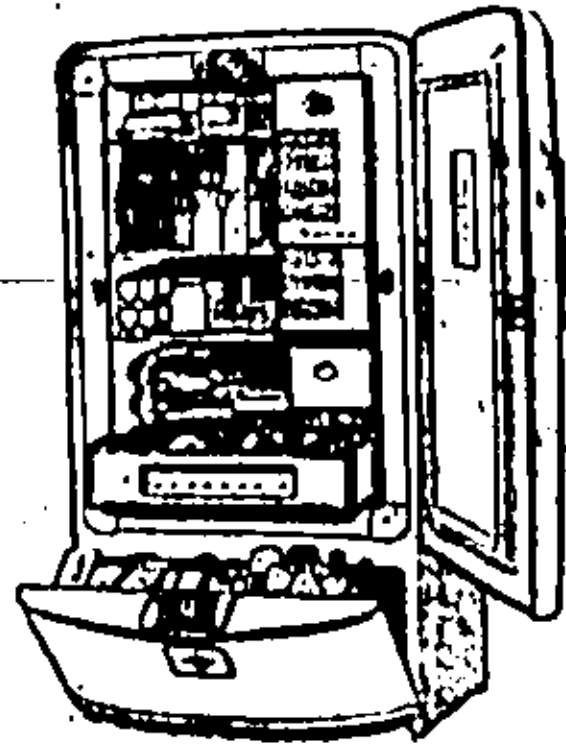
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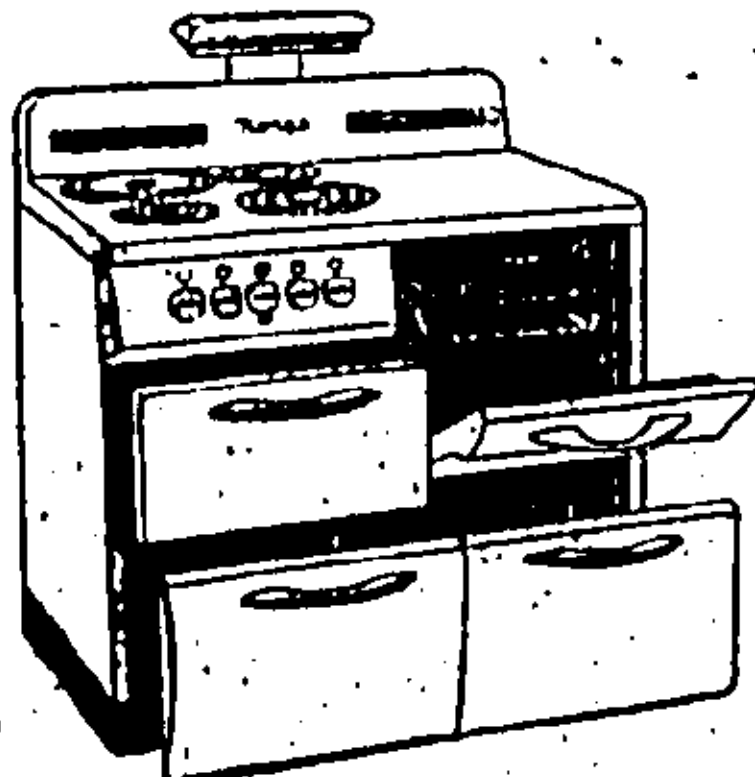
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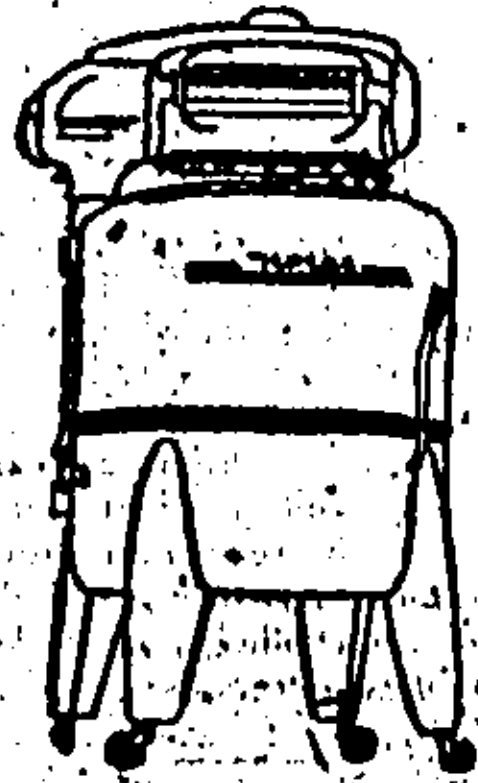
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Argentine Makes 'Serious Move'

Norwegian Vessel Stopped Pointed Incident In Antarctic

(By Frederick Jones, Reuters Special Correspondent)

On board HMS Nigeria, Mar. 4.
An officer from the Argentine minesweeper Parker boarded the Norwegian fishing vessel Brattg (486 tons) and told the Norwegian captain that he had no right to be sailing in Antarctic waters without the permission of the Argentine authorities, according to news received on board this British cruiser by the Falkland Islands Governor, Mr. Miles Clifford.

The details of this first international incident involving foreign ships in Antarctic waters reached the Nigeria as she zigzagged at 12 knots through icebergs and "growlers" on her way to British settlements in the Antarctic, where Chile and Argentina have made claims to sovereignty.

The officer from the Argentine minesweeper wrote in the log book of the Parker that it had no right to be in these waters without Argentine permission.

The Parker then went off towards Marguerite Bay, which she is believed now to have reached.

The Norwegian vessel, which has on board a whaler, a doctor, and a meteorologist, and the meteorologist reported the matter to the British authorities.

The British Harbour Master then went on board the vessel and struck out the Argentine officer's entry in the log.

He told the Norwegian master to ignore it as the entry was illegal.

The Harbour Master sent a protest to the captain of the Argentine minesweeper and delivered by hand a protest to the Argentine commander of the base, which the Argentine authorities have set up on Reception Island.

The Norwegian vessel, which built from Trondheim and was launched in 1932, is believed to be still at Reception Island.

The Chilean frigate, Cavendish, is now about 80 miles north of Antarctica and is believed to be meeting a Chilean oil tanker.

The Falkland Islands Dependencies survey ship, the 1,200-ton John Biscoe, which is making a tour of British stations in the Falkland Islands, has reached Hope Bay, Graham's Land.

The Nigeria is being led by the 1,400-ton ship, which is now about 100 miles north of Boyd Strait, and going on a southerly course.

Unable to disclose our actual immediate destination, several more whales have been seen blowing; while products represents the Antarctic's only definite practicable economic wealth so far known.

Apart from light passing snow squalls, the weather is very fine.

—Reuter.

DEFENCE PACT ANNOUNCED

Buenos Aires, Mar. 4.
Argentina and Chile were this afternoon signing a "pact of mutual defence" for their claims to sovereignty in the Antarctic, the Argentine Foreign Minister, Dr. Bramuglia, stated today.

Dr. Bramuglia, who was speaking at a press conference, added that the Antarctic question would be introduced at the Inter-American Conference which opens in Bogota at the end of this month.

Enlarging on the Argentine-Chile pact, which will be published simultaneously here and in Santiago, Dr. Bramuglia said that in it both countries declare "firstly, they will act together in the legal protection and defence of their rights in the South American Antarctic, which lies between 25 and 90 degrees West and in whose territory the countries recognise each other's unquestionable sovereign rights."

"Secondly, they will continue their activities in the region of

the as yet undefined frontier (between the Argentine-Chilean sectors) in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

Thirdly, they will continue negotiations for a treaty defining the Antarctic frontier between them." —Reuter.

Customs Union Pact

Paris, Mar. 4.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, has accepted an invitation from Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, to sign in Italy the Franco-Italian customs union agreement, the French Foreign Ministry confirmed today.

The ceremony would be held in Turin, but no date has yet been set. —Reuter.

Marlowe Merrick Passes

Salt Lake City, Mar. 4.
Brig. Gen. Marlowe H. Merrick, retired, died today of a heart attack, ending a 34-year military career.

Merrick was commander of the World War II air force mission that established operational bases in China, India, the Middle East and Africa. He served as U.S. Air Attache in Russia and England, and later returned to the United States as assistant Chief of Staff in charge of engineering and supply for the Air Transport Command. He flew for three years for the Republic of China. —United Press.

Would Be Hit Hard At Once

London, Mar. 4.
A potential aggressor must be made to realise that if he started trouble, "he would be hit hard and at once," Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Air Minister, said in Parliament today.

He was opening a debate on the Air Estimates for the next financial year, which, at £173,000,000, show a reduction of £41,000,000 on the current year.

Offence and defence were complementary, but prevention was always better than cure and the real deterrent power lay in the striking force, he said.

People, he added, thought it a waste of money continuing to build new types of aircraft when the scientists had brought punishment equipment within view.

Press button warfare as a major factor in war was not yet a practical reality.

However, at a time when the fields opened up by wartime discoveries—the guided missile, the gas turbine and jet propulsion—were still being explored, it would be unwise to go into expensive large-scale production of types which would soon be out of date.

Jet Fighters

The other points he made were: British jet fighters, the Meteors and Vampires, whose primary task was to defend Britain from air attack, were the best in the world.

Britain's lead in the development of jet engines was maintained and she was confident she could keep her superiority over all comers in the interception fighter class.

The prospect of a jet bomber aircraft of exceptional performance was in sight.

The maximum number of men and women in the Royal Air Force at any time next year would be 325,000, a reduction of 45,000. —Reuter.

Guatemala Moves Up Troops

San Salvador, Mar. 4.
Major Guatemalan Cabinet changes—widely predicted to give a shift to the Left, or even a fall of the Government—are likely to leave unchanged the country's attitude to her claims on neighbouring British Honduras.

The Guatemalan press almost unanimously condemned President Avelar for tackling the matter too gingerly.

European diplomats estimated that not more than 10 per cent of the Guatemalan population genuinely wanted Belize, the British Honduras port and capital, to be seized.

Most of the business men, middle class and the Indian peasants were indifferent and dubbed the whole subject "just politics."

There was every sign that originally this was a correct description of their attitude. It was alleged that President Avelar used the problem of British Honduras as a means of distracting his critics.

Now, however, public opinion is leading the Government and the campaign which has gone on for over six months has become an issue from which it would be most difficult for any politician to step down.

British Legation officials claimed they had made several compromise proposals to settle the British-Honduran dispute during the past six months.

All their proposals had been rejected. Their treatment at the hands of Guatemalan officials became increasingly curt.

British Action

For weeks, the British Minister in Guatemala, Mr. Wilfred Hanford Gallen, had been unable to see the Guatemalan Foreign Minister. Yesterday, he personally delivered his protest to the Guatemalan Government against Tuesday's "disgraceful occurrences" outside the British Legation.

Mr. Gallen also delivered a British note rejecting the Guatemalan protest against the despatch of the cruisers Sheffield and Devonshire to Belize and the landing of troops there.

Reports from Belize today said men of the Gloucestershire Regiment were now dug into defensive positions. The troops were carried to

Guatemalan Troops Move

Guatemala City, Mar. 4.

The Guatemalan Army High Command and the Foreign Ministry in a joint statement announced today that Guatemalan troops have been sent to the borders of British Honduras because of the recent arrival of British troops in the border area.

The statement said the emergency created by the landing of Royal Marines "in our territory of Belize" necessitated the sending of troops "in defence of our national territory and to give due protection to various cities and towns... in case of British incursions."

It said the military units are under precise orders to remain away from the dividing line between Belize and the rest of the Republic so as to avoid incidents. —United Press.

Michael Tells The Full Story

London, Mar. 4.
Michael of Rumania today declared that the Communists forced him to "abdicate" under the threat of plunging his country into a bloodbath and that he still considered himself king in fact.

He said that under the circumstances of the abdication he did not consider himself bound in any way.

Also, by crystal clear implication, Michael charged that Russia backed the Rumanian Government which he called "a Government installed, and maintained in power by a foreign country... utterly unrepresentative of the Rumanian people," which forced him out. He did not mention Russia by name.

Petr Goga, and George Gheorghiu-Dea, of the Communist Party, delivered the ultimatum on the morning of December 30.

The Royal Palace was surrounded by armed detachments. —United Press.

Big Gun Battle In Haifa

Jerusalem, Mar. 4.
A big gun-battle was being fought out tonight in Haifa, after a large force of Jews had attacked the heavily guarded police headquarters there. The attack came after a day during which several hundred Arabs ambushed and annihilated a Jewish convoy trying to reach the Jewish settlement near Kalandia Airport, eight miles north of Jerusalem.

By early this evening, 17 Jewish dead had been brought to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Jewish sources reported 15 Arab casualties from British fire.

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One source said a Jewish convoy of three vehicles, escorted by an armed Hagannah force, had reached a point near the settlement when a powerful land mine shattered one vehicle and a force of Arabs, entrenched on both sides of the road, opened heavy machine-gun and rifle fire.

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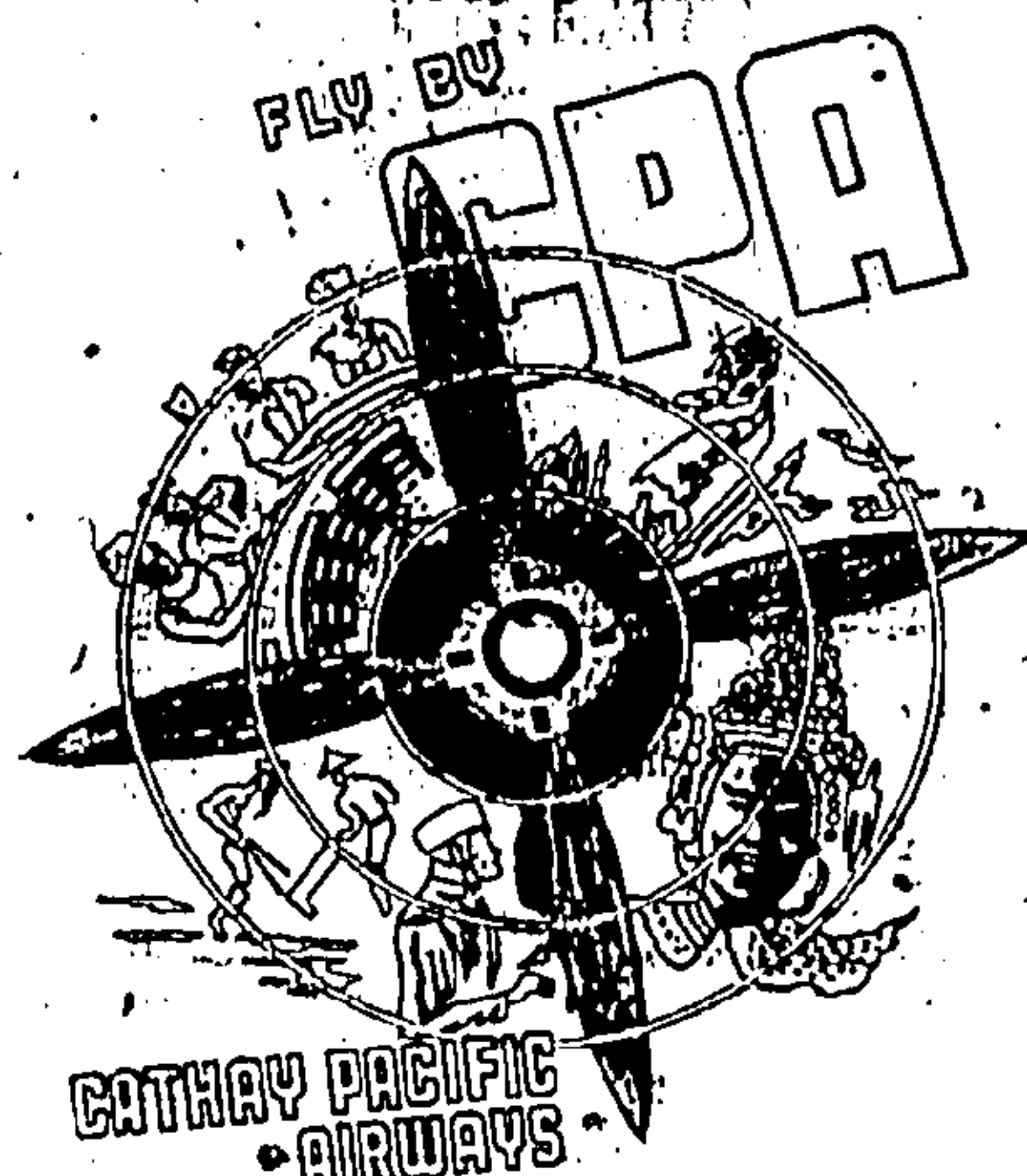
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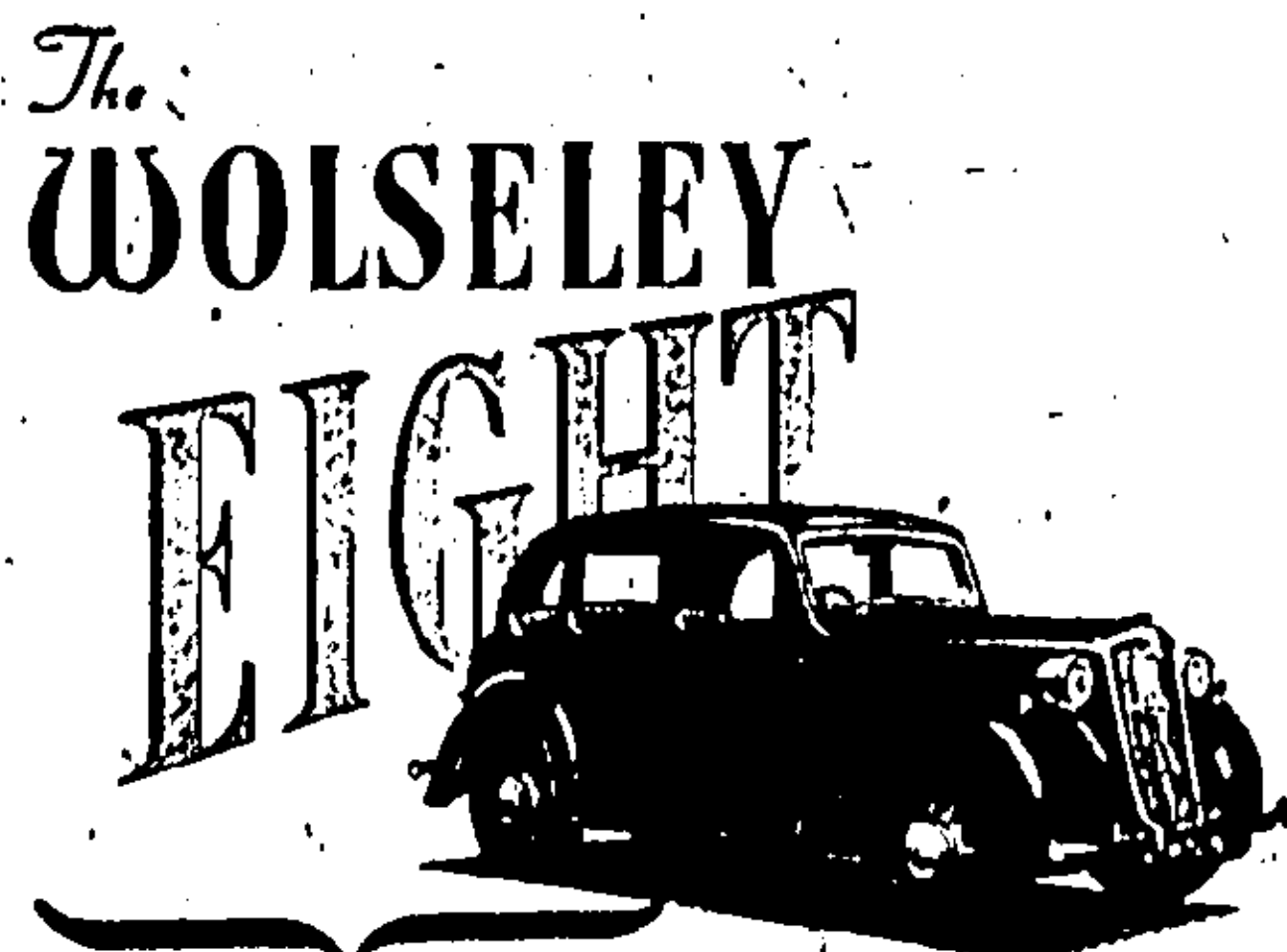
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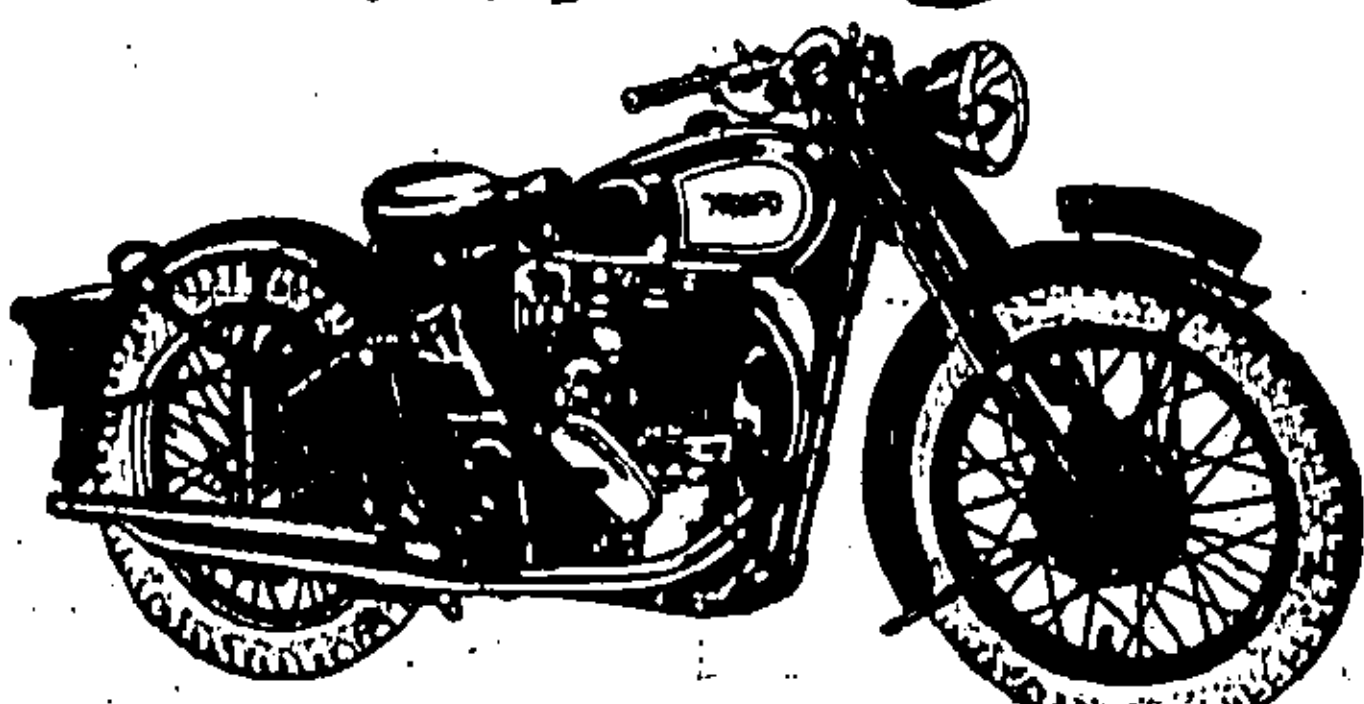
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DOES THE BRITISH MOTOR INDUSTRY REQUIRE A MR. RANK?

Continuing the Analysis Of
The Scope of the Export Market
By An Expert

The world's life luxury car market offers a small but valuable field not yet entirely taken over by Detroit. This market provides prestige to the nation producing suitable cars as well as a useful income. I would like to point out that this classification will from now on be limited to a price range of £1,000 to £1,500, as this is roughly two to three times the price of a Cadillac or Lincoln. There isn't much place in the world these days for £3,000 cars. A 2- or 2½-litre car of indifferent performance cannot compete in this field, no matter how British its lines or excellent its finish. The man in Hollywood, or Rio, who buys an elegant British car at the price of two Cadillacs will demand a performance at least the equal of that of the Cadillac he didn't buy.

Unfortunately, today there isn't a single British car in

production that meets the requirements of this market. All are too costly for what they offer, both in performance and in appearance. The Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane, with a 4-litre version of its present excellent engine, would be an example of what this market demands. But much remains to be done in developing a satisfactory modern yet typically British appearance.

Greatest Reward

The third category is the one offering the greatest challenge and the greatest reward—both to the manufacturer in England and to us, the agents here,

there, and everywhere. The new flat-rate tax will allow an entirely new type of British car to evolve—this new car must be suitable everywhere in the world. To attempt to produce a British version of a Chevrolet or Dodge would be stupid and disastrous, for it would be unsuitable for the British market and have nothing new to offer on the export market, yet would still cost more than the American counterpart. This British family-type car can be capable of competing with the American sedan in the world-market only if it provides new values to compete with those of size and cheapness.

As an agent in constant contact with the buying public, I know from hard experience just what qualities would sell a useful number of British cars. The old Eights and Tens are really too small, much too old-fashioned in appearance, and, above all, too under-powered—but their handiness, their leather interiors and economy of operation are admired. Let us eliminate those things to which export customers object and accentuate those features of which they approve, and see what kind of a car we need and how closely it matches up to the most suitable type for the British home market under the new tax.

Powerful Small Cars

These new quantity-produced export cars should be of two sizes—something like present-day Tens and a large type similar to current Sixteens. It would be a serious error to eliminate the small car entirely. Many of our customers want a manoeuvrable, easy-to-handle small car, but this new Ten must have a performance to equal that of a Chevrolet, Ford V8, or Studebaker Champion! Both of these two new types must have a modern independent suspension (rear as well as front, so as to provide a ride of real comfort on any road surface); each must have a good-quality leather interior (that makes it British); must look long and low (too many present Tens and Sixteens look, and are, stubby and high); must have a definite "British" line (no present low-price car comes anywhere near this requirement and this problem of appearance is second to none); each must have a turning radius usually found only on Italian cars, and a top speed and acceleration at least the equal of those of an American car in the same price range.

Look at these "musts" again and consider which are not equally desirable for the export and the British home market: 1. Compact medium size. 2. Modern comfortable suspension. 3. Quality finish. 4. Modern American appearance. 5. Handiness. 6. Outstanding performance.

Of all these, perhaps only the last may be considered to be unnecessary for the home market, and to cope with this situation I would suggest that two engine sizes be produced for each chassis and body. For the larger car one of about 2½ litres, the other of about 3½ litres. The 2-litre engine would provide adequate performance—the larger one would supply the performance needed to compete with American cars in the world market. (I have myself fitted large American engines into 2-litre European chassis and I can testify to the fact that a most exciting and satisfactory car is the result.) Production economy would be possible because of having to produce only a larger engine to meet the specific needs of the export market—and undoubtedly many British motorists will want the larger-engined version, if it is fitted with an over-drive or very high top gear, the fuel consumption will be remarkably low, probably differing very little from that of present-day small cars.

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Repair That Leak With Ease

Manufactured under the trade-name of "Petro-Patch" is a fabricated material which enables leaky petrol tanks to be repaired.

The outfit consists of a roll of impregnated fabric and a bottle of solution, both of which closely resemble the materials used for repairing wooden aircraft wings—indeed, they are used in much the same way.

Any petrol in the tank must be removed and the area to be repaired carefully cleaned. "Petro-Patch" is also useful for repairing leaks in the hot water system, sunburn roofs and the like, when dry it can be painted over with any suitable paint or enamel. Provisionally patented the outfit is made by the Muvit Chemical Co., 24, Hudson Street, West London.

PRODUCTION RECORDS



Mr. Henry Ford driving off the 250,000th post-war vehicle from the assembly line at Dagenham. This British built Ford is one of the first of a consignment of British light vans and cars for export to the U.S.A.

DAGENHAM FORD EXPORTS TO U.S.!

Driven by Mr. Henry Ford, the quarter-millionth post-war Ford vehicle produced at Dagenham left the Assembly Line last month. This is the first vehicle of a consignment for export to the United States. It is hoped to sell six thousand British Ford cars and vans in the United States within the next six months, earning for Great Britain approximately U.S.\$4,500,000.

Last year Ford Motor Company Limited, Dagenham, with a total output of 114,872 vehicles, exceeded their previous peak production year which was 1937, by more than a thousand vehicles. In January this year, Dagenham Ford workers broke all their previous records—exporting 7,200 vehicles including tractors for the overseas markets alone. They believe this makes them the largest exporters in the British Motor Industry.

Since the end of the war, approximately 80,000 Fordson Major Tractors have been manufactured at Dagenham. British farmers have received 70% of this figure. Yet it is believed that by this production Ford Dagenham have built for Export alone more tractors than the entire post-war production for home and overseas of any tractor manufacturer in this country.

LONDON SHOW

Britain is to hold its first international motor show for years at Earls Court, London. The display which is being organised by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders will run from October 28 to November 6, 1948. It will include the latest products of the world's industry. British cars at present still in the prototype stage will be shown as examples of postwar design.

Reduction Of Headlight Glare

Every motorist accustomed to night driving has experienced that sense of hazard and insecurity when driving into a "blind zone" created by the glaring lights of an oncoming vehicle. This sense is a perfectly natural one for should any person in dark attire

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be standing in this zone, it is practically impossible to see him. The number of accidents arising from headlight glare has long warranted a serious investigation of the problem. In most cases, accidents occur because of the failure of one party to dip his lights. This may be due to the indifference of the driver or, more likely, a fault in the dipping mechanism.

With a view to eliminating this unnecessary risk, electronic engineers in the United States have recently perfected an electrical device which automatically dips a motorist's headlights when they encounter the lights of an oncoming car. The device represents the first application of electronics to motor vehicle operation, and it is believed that the widespread use of this latest invention will lead to increased safety. Headlights will no longer be left to the driver's discretion.

The apparatus operates on the same principle as the electric eye which has been employed for opening and shutting doors etc. It consists of a photo-electric tube, an electrical control box containing a transformer and rectifying tube, and a relay switch.

The photo-tube which in appearance resembles a small fog light, is mounted above the front bumper of the car, whilst the control box, which measures approximately five square inches is fixed under the bonnet. The relay switch is operated manually and is installed in a position which is readily accessible to the driver's hand or foot, according to preference.

In some simple tests, carried out at night, the electronic dipper has been found to operate at about 3,000 feet from the strongest oncoming headlights and about 500 feet from the weakest.

A system for actually reducing headlight glare has also been described. This is known as the polaroid system and consists of a headlight with a sealed-beam-type lamp which has a polarised film bonded to the glass. According to reports, this film filters light beams, so that when they are viewed by an oncoming motorist, the glare is practically eliminated. Improved visibility, naturally, results from the removal of the "blind zone."

This type of lamp provides 400 feet visibility distance, with two approaching cars 200 feet apart, as compared with the present average visibility distance of 175 feet in the same circumstances.

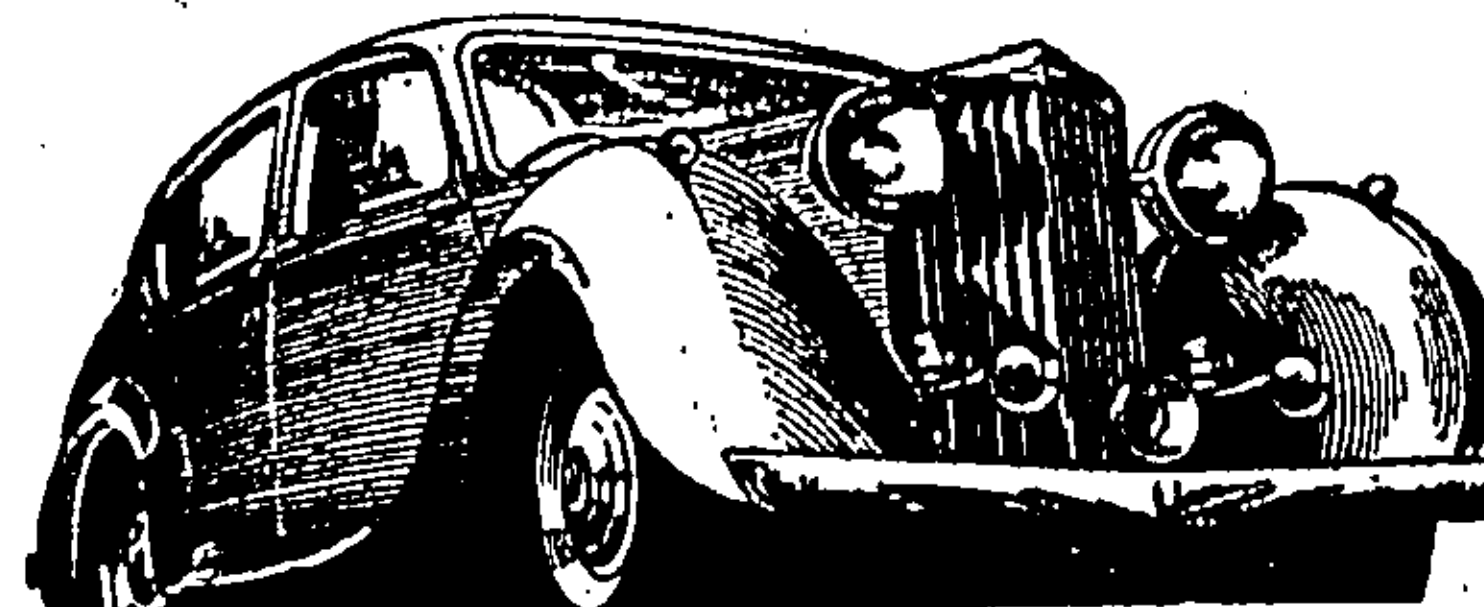


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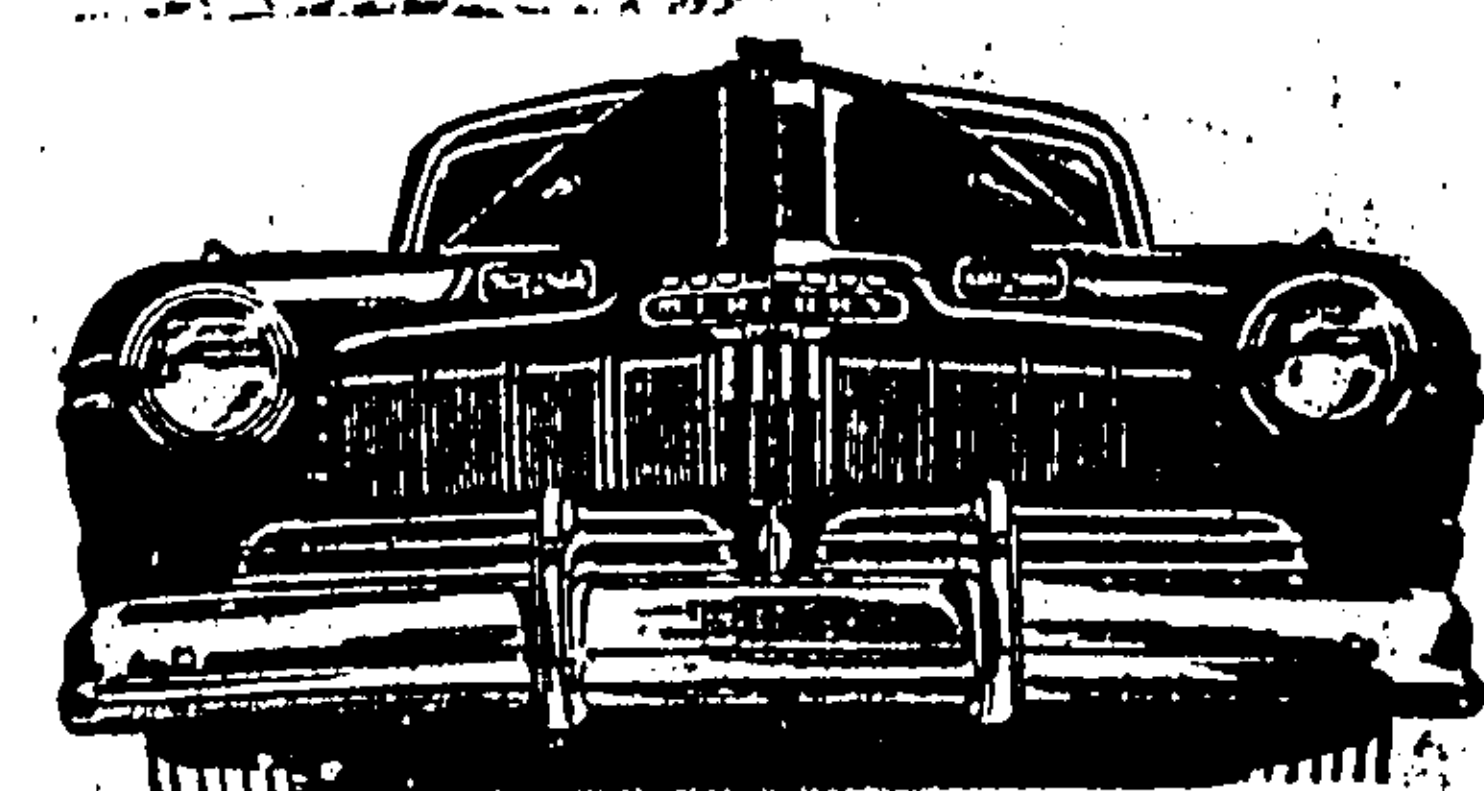
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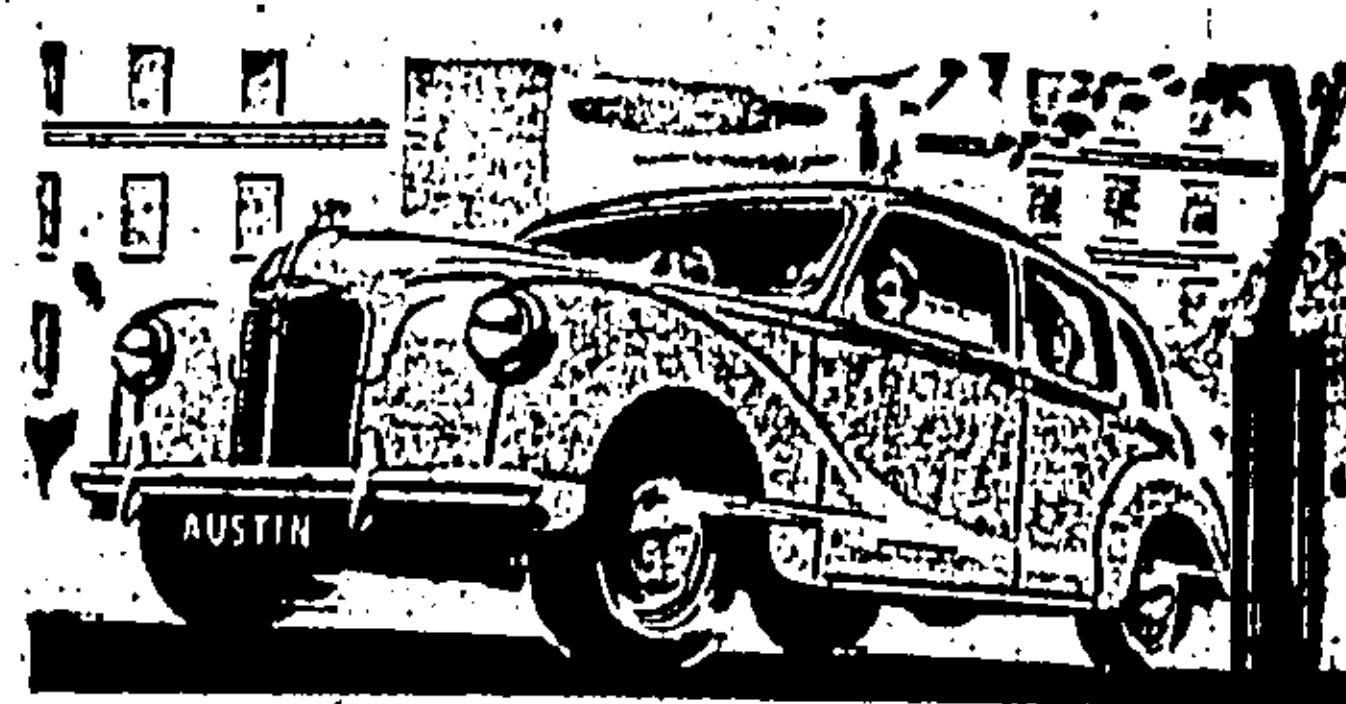
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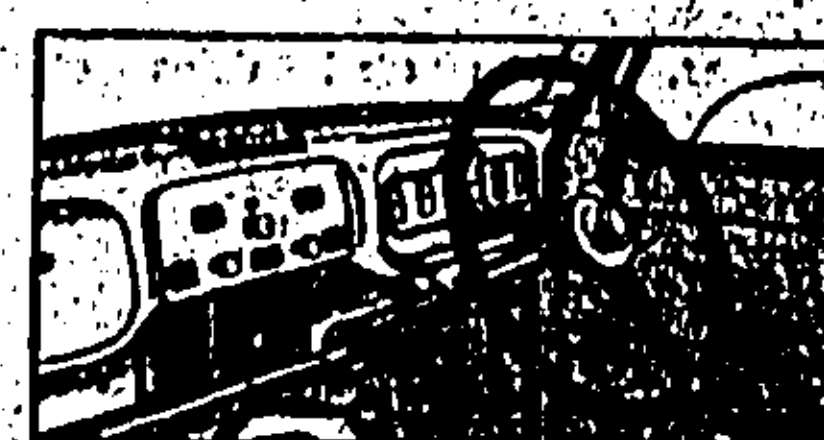
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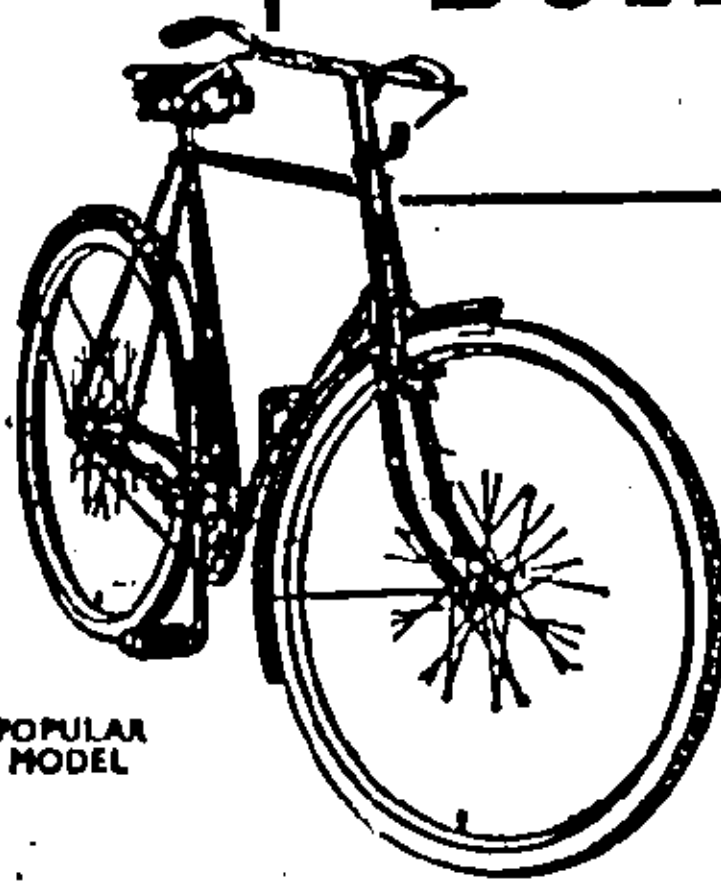
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WINDSOR HOUSEGerman Political Leaders
Given A Serious Warning

Frankfurt, Mar. 4.
German political leaders here have been given the most serious Anglo-American warning yet against the possible catastrophic consequences of further delay in vital legislation pending before the Bizonal Economic Council, it was learned today.

General Sir Gordon MacReady, the British Joint Chairman of the Bipartite Allied Control Office, told the German leaders: "You know the way the international situation is developing. If you fail to pass the legislation needed to save your country in the next few months, it may be too late."

The warning was given at a meeting yesterday, called jointly by General MacReady and Major-General Clarence Adecock, his American opposite number, members of the Presidium and the Steering Committee of the Bizonal Economic Council and chairmen of the most important committees.

The general told the Germans they were not making proper use of their powers. Important legislation such as the price control law and the agricultural distribution law affecting the next harvest had been held up for many months.

If resources continued to be wasted through the absence of needed legislation, it would be impossible to persuade the British and American taxpayer to go on financing needed German food imports.

This was a German responsibility. If the Germans failed to get together and do the job without time wasting and "ideological bickering," they would have to bear the consequences, the Germans were told.

Black Day

The President of the Bizonal Economic Council, Dr. Erich Kocher, afterwards described the meeting as "the blackest day in the Council's history."

Christian Democrats received the warning with reserve, stating that they would like to have it in writing and that they would carefully consider it.

Social Democrats said that legislative delay was due, not to ideological bickering, but to deliberate obstruction by vested interests which would be endangered if the controlled allocation of scarce industrial goods and food was enforced.

The spokesman of the small "Centre Party" said that to their shame all present would have to admit the correctness of the criticism.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 4.
Government legal experts were today studying whether the Commerce Department should turn over "loyalty records" on Dr. Edward U. Condon to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The Committee spokesman said he would "not be too surprised" if the Department refused to submit the records.

Dr. Condon, world-famous atomic physicist, heads the Commerce Department Bureau of Standards.

Dr. Condon was accused by Chairman J. Parnell Thomas and two other members of his Un-American Activities Committee, with being an alleged Soviet spy while directing highly secret research on atomic energy and radar.

Dr. Condon denied the charges and the Commerce Department's loyalty board gave Dr. Condon complete clearance.

Rep. Thomas ordered the Department to turn over the Condon records.—United Press.

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Chennault
Ready
To Go

Shanghai, Mar. 3.
Readiness to proceed to Washington to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the China situation was expressed by Major-General Claire Chennault to the Chinese press yesterday in commenting on the Washington report that he had been asked to appear before the House.

He, however, did not say when he would leave for the United States, although he had previously planned to visit America to clear up some business matters.

General Chennault believed that "if the United States did not help China and herself, we shall have facilitated—nay, assured—triumph in Manchuria of Russian-inspired, Russian-armed and Russian-inspired, manipulated rebellion within and against a nation friendly to us."

He was also of the opinion that China's only shortcoming—a great one—lies in her inability to train an army and supply the manpower.—Reuter.

Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, and Joseph B. Ely, of Westfield, were joined by Francis B. Murphy of Nashua, New Hampshire, who served two terms as a Republican Governor before becoming a Democrat in 1944. No concerted revolt against President Truman nor any organized MacArthur for President drive has materialized in New England, but the action of Curley, Ely and Murphy is considered a blow to the Truman camp.

Ely, who "took a walk" with Al Smith in 1936 and supported Thomas E. Dewey, in 1944 hailed MacArthur as a Republican. Curley affirmed his support of Gen. MacArthur as a Democrat. Murphy did not indicate what party he wanted MacArthur to head.

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U.S. Exports

Washington, Mar. 4.
United States exports during 1947 reached a new peacetime record, totalling \$20,000 million, compared with \$15,200 million in 1946, the Department of Commerce announced today.

Big price increases were an important contributory cause of the higher figures.—Reuter.

MacArthur
For
President

Boston, Mar. 4.
Two Democratic ex-Governors of Massachusetts and one of the party's National Committee today advocated General Douglas MacArthur's election for President.

Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, and Joseph B. Ely, of Westfield, were joined by Francis B. Murphy of Nashua, New Hampshire, who served two terms as a Republican Governor before becoming a Democrat in 1944. No concerted revolt against President Truman nor any organized MacArthur for President drive has materialized in New England, but the action of Curley, Ely and Murphy is considered a blow to the Truman camp.

Ely, who "took a walk" with Al Smith in 1936 and supported Thomas E. Dewey, in 1944 hailed MacArthur as a Republican. Curley affirmed his support of Gen. MacArthur as a Democrat. Murphy did not indicate what party he wanted MacArthur to head.

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RISE IN PRODUCTION

But Still Not Enough, Says Sir Stafford

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British industrial production rose about nine per cent last year above the 1946 level, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced at a press conference here today. The outstanding rises were in building—21 per cent, and metals, engineering and vehicles—11 per cent.

The main limiting factor in our production drive this year is steel, despite the fact that new records are even now being established," Sir Stafford added.

In answer to a question, Sir Stafford said the difficulty about getting scrap from Germany was the uncertainty about the value of the mark. There was no intention to confiscate scrap. Steel difficulties limited the expansion of the nation's engineering industry.

For that reason, Britain was more than ever dependent on producing more textiles to close the import-export gap. The current textile production was encouraging, but there was still a long way to go.

He told a questioner he was "fairly satisfied" that the use of dollars by other members of the sterling area, sometimes said to be sufficient to embarrass Britain, could not be reduced much further.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer firmly denied that sterling would be devalued. He argued that this would not be to the advantage of Britain in the present situation. He described as "complete nonsense" a report from Paris that Britain had proposed a simultaneous devaluation of sterling, the Dutch florin and the Belgian franc.

He corrected a questioner who said the United States loan to Britain was "exhausted," stating: "It is drawn, it is of course, not exhausted. When it is exhausted, it will mean whenever we want to get dollars we will have to sell gold."

He said no steps, except the purchase of Australian gold, were at present contemplated to increase British gold reserves.—Reuter.

Gold opened yesterday at \$341.25 a fac and climbed steadily till it reached \$351.75; towards the close it receded slightly to \$349.50.

Plastics, after opening at \$12.05 a 100, went up to \$12.30. At the close the rate eased off slightly to \$12.25.

Chinese National Currency were unchanged the whole day at 16 1/2 cents for futures and 18 1/2 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000).

Ticals made a further climb to \$28.40 a 100, and NEI Goldbugs also rose to \$23.10 a 100.

U.S. dollars, continuing their climb, closed yesterday at \$1.03. Sterling weakened slightly to \$12.80, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.54.

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